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SUBJ: UNEP GC-IV FIRST WEEK'S REPORT ON PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1. SESSION OPENED WITH RACHWARTONO, INDONESIA IN CHAIR,
AND US RAPORTEUR THOMPSON ELECTED, AFTER NOMINATION BY
GHANA AND MEXICO.

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2. ALL COUNTRIES WHICH INTERVENED EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR CONCENTRATION OF UNEP'S PROGRAM, MANY COMMENTING THAT THE RANGE OF PROJECTS EXCEEDED UNEP'S CHARTER. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL CRITICISM ON UNEP'S LACK OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM FRAMEWORKS WHICH WAS REFLECTED IN THE POORLY ARRANGED AND VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATIONS.

3. MEXICO PROPOSED THAT A TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED TO IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION OF FUTURE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

4. AT END OF WEEK'S SESSION, MUNRO, ACTING PROGRAM DIR., SUMMARIZED THE DISCUSSIONS. HE STATED THE GENERAL AGREEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH A REMINDER THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD NEED TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONCENTRATION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS THAT THE PROGRAM IS QUITE WELL BALANCED BUT SUCH BALANCE IS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN SINCE ORGANIZATION IS CONSTANTLY FACED WITH REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT OF VARIOUS PROJECTS. WITH REGARD TO THE TASK FORCE PROPOSED BY MEXICO, HE SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A GROUP COULD MEET DURING SESSION BUT PROBABLY COULD ONLY LIST NUMBER OF REQUIREMENTS THERE BELIEVE IMPORTANT IN PRESENTING INFORMATION. HE SUGGESTED UNEP MIGHT THEN APPOINT A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP THE PRESENTATION FOR DISCUSSION AT THE INFORMAL CONSULTATION WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER IN GENEVA. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE TASK FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER A CANADIAN CHAIRMAN, THE US PARTICIPATING. MUNRO ALSO INDICATED THAT UNEP PLANS TO INSTITUTE A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION TO NATIONS ON PROGRAMS AND WOULD MAKE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE TO THOSE NATIONS WHICH WANTED SUCH DOCUMENTS.

5. BEGINNING 5 APRIL, THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE WILL START DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS. IT WILL ALSO RECEIVE BUDGET PLANNING FIGURES FROM THE FUND COMMITTEE. MARSHALL

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